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PARIS AND MARSEILLE FOR DEA

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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAINING

REF: STATE 103110

1. WE NOTE FROM REFTEL THAT CANDIDATES PROPOSED FROM MOROCCAN SURETE NATIONALE (RABAT 2039) HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACCEPTED AT WASHINGTON END FOR ATTENDANCE AT SUBJECT TRAINING. SURETE NATIONALE OF COURSE HAS A PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCREENING PERSONS ENTERING AND LEAVING MOROCCO AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES ARE PRESENT AT ALL TRANSIT POINTS. SURETE NATIONALE WILL ALSO BE MAIN CONTACT POINT FOR DEA OFFICE REOPENING FOR HERE MAY 15. MOROCCAN CANDIDATES ARE INSTRUCTORS IN CRIMINAL POLICE PROCEDURE AT ROYAL POLICE ACADEMY AND WILL BE IN POSITION TO DISSEMINATE WIDELY THE KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED IN US TRAINING COURSE. THESE CANDIDATES WERE PROPOSED BY MOROCCAN GOVT. BASED ON INFORMATION WE PROVIDED (FROM STATE 049067) ON SCOPE AND AIMS OF THIS TRAINING.

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2. IF WE TELL MOROCCANS AT THIS LATE DATE THAT THESE CANDIDATES

NOT ACCEPTABLE, THIS WOULD DEAL A SERIOUS SETBACK TO THE COOPERATION WE HAVE BEEN PAINSTAKEINGLY DEVELOPING WITH GOM ON NARCOTICS MATTERS. IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY INAUSPICIOUS JUST AT MOMENT WE ARE ABOUT TO REOPEN DEA OFFICE IN RABAT. CUMBERSOME LOCAL BUREAUCRATIC MECHANISMS DO NOT RPT NOT PERMIT GOING BACK TO GOM GRACEFULLY AND AMICABLY TO REQUEST SUBSTITUTE CANDIDATES AT THE LAST MOMENT.

3. WE THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF SURETE NATIONALE CANDIDATES WITHOUT DELAY. PLS. ADVISE SOONEST. WE WILL PLAN ALSO TO INFORM GOM THAT USG WILL PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AS SOON AS WE HAVE RESPONSE FROM DEPT. ON SURETE NATIONALE CANDIDATES.
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